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OVER SEVEN MILLION PEOPLE LIVED IN COAST CITY, CALIFORNIA... RIGHT UP UNTIL THE MOMENT WHEN IT WAS LEVELED BY THE FORCES OF A MAD CYBORG WHO HAD MASQUERADED AS OUR WORLD'S GREATEST HERO.

NOW, IN PLACE OF THAT GREAT URBAN CENTER, STANDS THIS MONSTROUS CONSTRUCT CALLED ENGINE CITY.

IT IS THE LINCHPIN OF THE CYBORG'S PLANS OF GLOBAL DOMINATION AND REVENGE. HE BELIEVES HE HAS EITHER DUPED OR DESTROYED ALL WHO MIGHT HAVE OPPOSED HIM. HE IS WRONG.

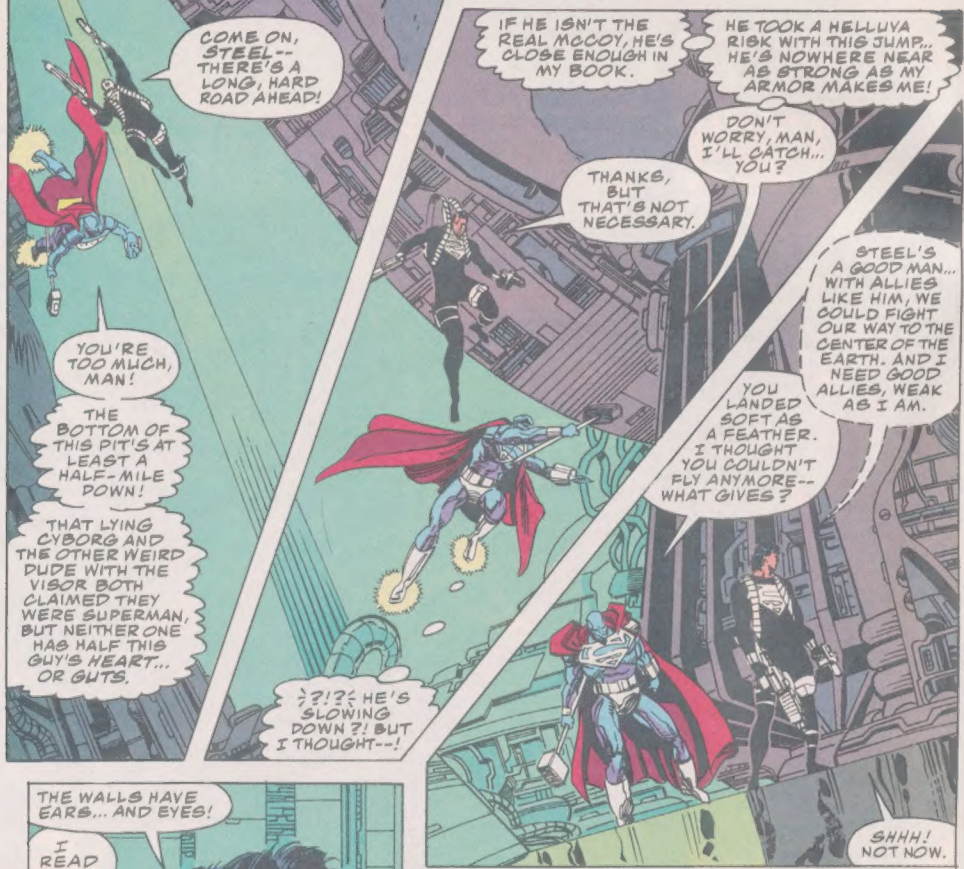
TWO BRAVE MEN NOW DESCEND INTO THE DEPTHS OF ENGINE CITY, DETERMINED TO STOP THE CYBORG AND SAVE THE WORLD, EVEN IF AT THE RISK OF THEIR OWN LIVES.

THE MAN OF STEEL WAS A GREAT ENGINEER UNTIL HE LEARNED HOW HIS WORK HAD BEEN USED TO KILL INNOCENT PEOPLE. NOW, HE USES HIS ROCKET-PROPELLED ARMOR TO PROTECT LIVES.

THE MAN IN BLACK HAS LONG FOUGHT FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE. HE SURVIVED THE DESTRUCTION OF THE PLANET KRYPTON, AND DEATH AT THE HANDS OF THE MONSTER DOOMSDAY. OUR WORLD RIGHTLY KNOWS HIM AS...

SUPERMAN

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COME ON, STEEL-- THERE'S A LONG, HARD ROAD AHEAD!

IF HE ISN'T THE REAL MCCOY, HE'S CLOSE ENOUGH IN MY BOOK.

HE TOOK A HELLUVA RISK WITH THIS JUMP.. HE'S NOWHERE NEAR AS STRONG AS MY ARMOR MAKES ME!

DON'T WORRY, MAN, I'LL CATCH.. YOU?

THANKS, BUT THAT'S NOT NECESSARY.

STEEL'S A GOOD MAN... WITH ALLIES LIKE HIM, WE COULD FIGHT OUR WAY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH. AND I NEED GOOD ALLIES, WEAK AS I AM.

YOU LANDED SOFT AS A FEATHER. I THOUGHT YOU COULDN'T FLY ANYMORE-- WHAT GIVES?

YOU'RE TOO MUCH, MAN!

THE BOTTOM OF THIS PIT'S AT LEAST A HALF-MILE DOWN!

THAT LYING CYBORG AND THE OTHER WEIRD DUDE WITH THE VISOR BOTH CLAIMED THEY WERE SUPERMAN, BUT NEITHER ONE HAS HALF THIS GUY'S HEART... OR GUTS.

??!! HE'S SLOWING DOWN ??! BUT I THOUGHT--!

SHHH! NOT NOW.



THE WALLS HAVE EARS... AND EYES!

I READ YOU...



... LOOKS LIKE THEY HAVE ARMS, TOO!

{DESTROY THE INTRUDERS!!}



<KILL FOR THE MASTERS!>

<KILL--!!>

EVERY TIME WE TURN AROUND IN THIS PLACE, THERE'RE MORE OF THESE ZOMBIES! THE KID SAID THAT THE CYBORG WAS BIG ON DEMANDING BLIND OBEDIENCE, BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

STUPID WAY TO FIGHT! CROWDING IN, TRYING TO OVERWHELM US LIKE THIS, THEY'RE GETTING IN THEIR OWN WAY!



EXCEPT FOR THE TIME MYZPTLK CANCELED OUT MY POWERS, * I HAVEN'T BEEN SO PHYSICALLY VULNERABLE SINCE I WAS TWELVE!

I MUST BE DOWN TO ABOUT A TENTH OF MY OLD STRENGTH... BUT I FEEL SUCH A RUSH!

IS MY BODY SIMPLY PRODUCING MORE ADRENALINE TO COMPENSATE?

WHATEVER IT IS, I'LL TAKE IT! WE NEED EVERY ADVANTAGE WE CAN GET.

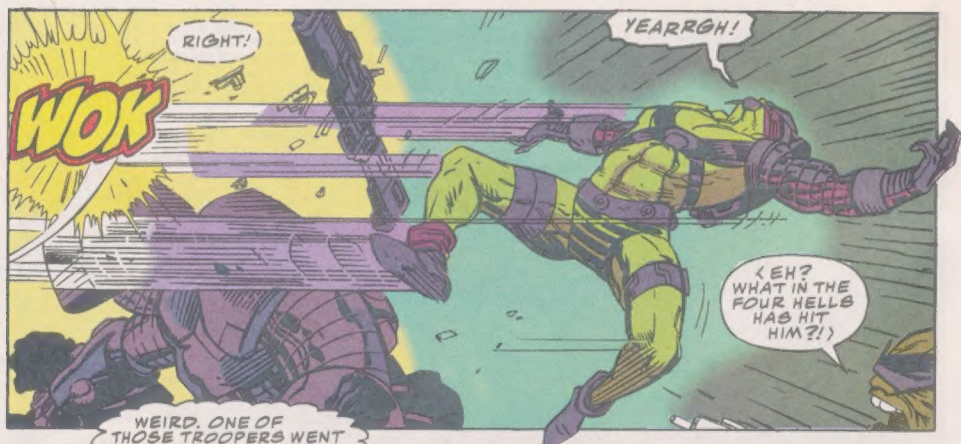
* CIRCA SUPERMAN #49.



THAT WAS CLOSE!

PA ALWAYS SAID, 'CLOSE' COUNTS ONLY IN HORSESHOES AND HAND GRENADES.

WE NEED TO FIGHT MORE OFFENSIVELY.



WEIRD. ONE OF THOSE TROOPERS WENT FLYING AS IF HE'D BEEN HIT BY A TRUCK... BUT THERE WAS NOTHING THERE! WHAT DID HIS WEAPON BACKFIRE?

HEY, YOU DOING OKAY?

SO FAR! YOURSELF?

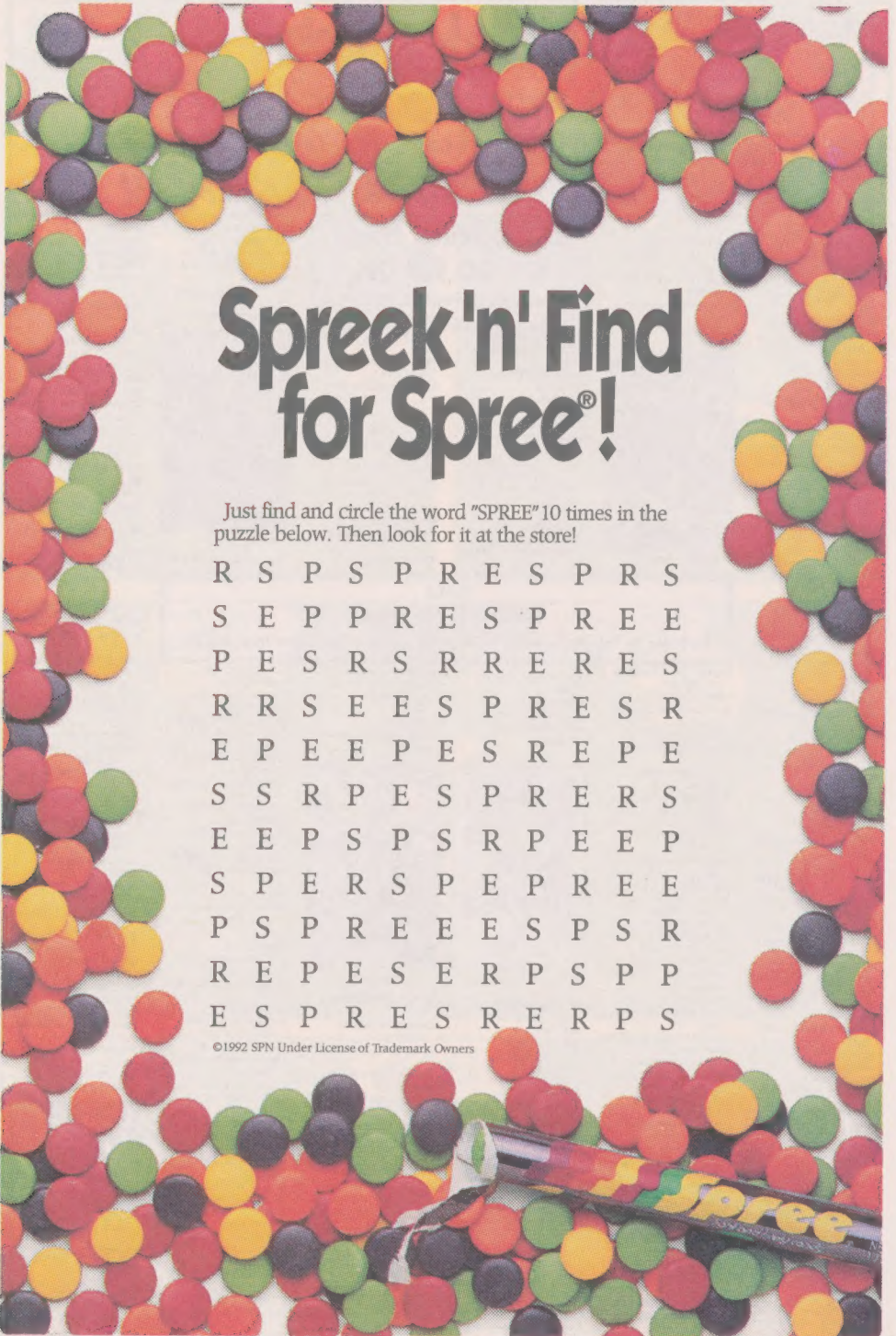


GOOD. THESE ARE JUST FOOT SOLDIERS. HIT 'EM HARD, BUT CHOOSE YOUR SHOTS WELL.

NO NEED TO ADD UNNECESSARILY TO THE BODY COUNT...

"... MY X-RAY VISION IS A LITTLE WEAK AND FUZZY, BUT IT'S GOOD ENOUGH TO HELP ME DISTINGUISH ORGANIC LIFE FORMS--"

WE NEED TO SAVE OUR STRENGTH FOR THE MASTER-MINDS BEHIND THIS--THEY'RE THE REAL ENEMY!



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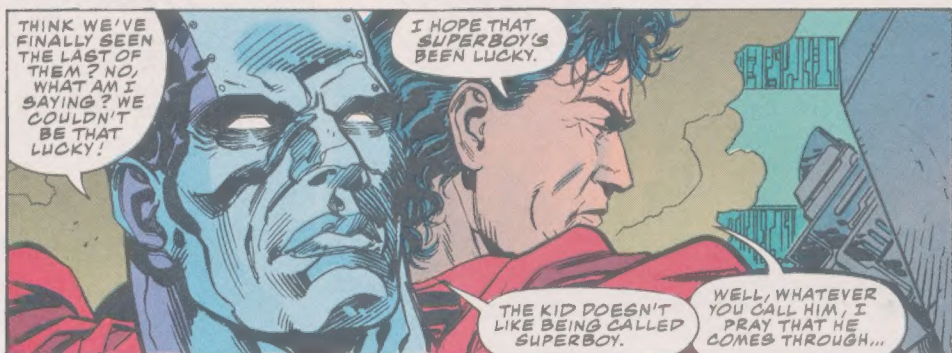


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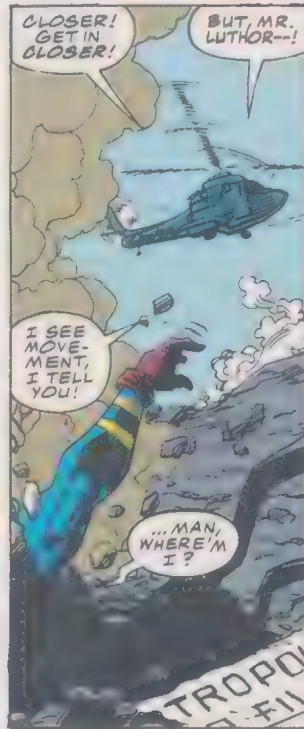
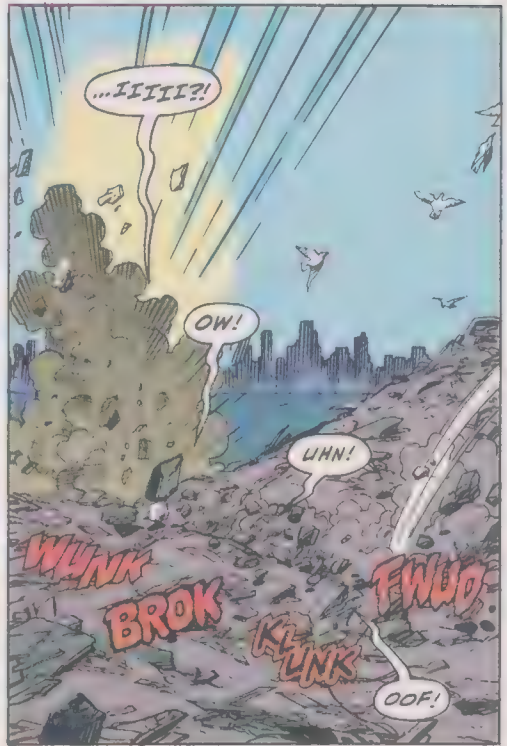
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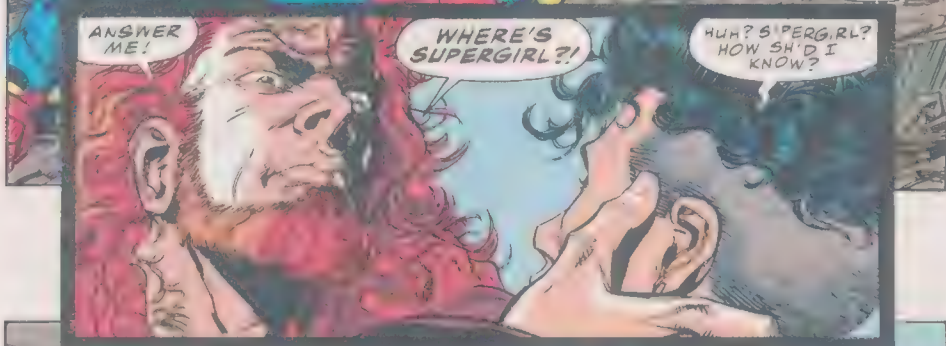
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Hulk 384-397,399,400,399-404 \$2
Lobo Back 1,2,4 3.4 Infralinks 1,3 \$3
Omega Men 5,9,19 \$3 10,20,37 \$6
Magnus 5,7 (with card) \$90 9,10 \$20
12(Lim 1) \$100 13,14,17 (Lim 1) \$10
15,16,18-21 \$5 22-29 (Lim 2) \$3
Maz 1-3 (Lim 5) \$1 1 (Lim 2)\$30
New Warriors 100(1st) \$100 100(3rd) \$2
87(Gold) \$1 Ann 5 \$15 Ann 7 \$5
New Warriors 10,12,14,25 (Lim 1) \$3
15-24,26-34, Annual 1\$2
Phantom Force 1,2 PFF 1,2(Lim 2) \$3
Pridor vs. Magnus 1,2 (Lim 2) ..\$6
Ref 0 (Lim 1) \$25 6,7 (Lim 1)\$10
9-14 (Lim 2) 9 (Gold - Lim 1) \$75

Action 686(1st), 687 (Collector Edit)
Adv Superman 499(1st) 501 (Collector)
Adv Superman 500(Newstand)
Arcadia 1-4 (Lim 2) Avenger 360,363
Batman 434,435,437-456,459-464
Blood Syndicate 1,2 Black Ace
Brigade 1,2 Cage 1-4,7,9,11-15
Capt America 398,406,412,414,416
Detective 309,311,315 Deathbird
Darkhawk 15,16,26,28 Fant 3,369,374
Detective 603-607,609-617,620 624
631 633,640,643 Dragonlites
G.I. Joe 60,61,65,66 Iron Man 268,291
Special Missions 3-6,8,9,11,12
JUL 4,7-10,16,24,33,35,39,41,44,45
Jan 90 5,11,32,46,49,50,52, Ann 2

Legion 1,2,21,23 LowDog 1
Marvel Comics 88,91-126, 102, 133
Moon Knight 42,50,102,124,77
New Mutants 87(Gold) 1983 #1-3
Robin 1-3,5 (1990) Robin II (1991)
Silver Sable 1,2,4-6,9,11 She Hulk 5,6
SHIELD 40,41,44,46 Super Soldier
Sleeperwatch 3,7,9-12,14,19,21,23,25
Stormwatch 1,2 Trencher (Image)
Superman 18(1st),78 (Collect)
Superman Man Steel 222(Collector)
Static 1(Tar) 459-461 Tlbe 1,2
Turtles (Arche) 4,5,9,12-14
Turtles (Image) 18,22,29,30,32,38,40
Uncanny X-Men 282(Gold) Venom 1,2
Wetwork & NW 1-5,7-10 Wild Thing 1
Wonderman 1,2,14,16,20,21 Ann 1

American Ninja 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56,57,58,59,60,61,62,63,64,65,66,67,68,69,70,71,72,73,74,75,76,77,78,79,80,81,82,83,84,85,86,87,88,89,90,91,92,93,94,95,96,97,98,99,100,101,102,103,104,105,106,107,108,109,110,111,112,113,114,115,116,117,118,119,120,121,122,123,124,125,126,127,128,129,130,131,132,133,134,135,136,137,138,139,140,141,142,143,144,145,146,147,148,149,150,151,152,153,154,155,156,157,158,159,160,161,162,163,164,165,166,167,168,169,170,171,172,173,174,175,176,177,178,179,180,181,182,183,184,185,186,187,188,189,190,191,192,193,194,195,196,197,198,199,200,201,202,203,204,205,206,207,208,209,210,211,212,213,214,215,216,217,218,219,220,221,222,223,224,225,226,227,228,229,230,231,232,233,234,235,236,237,238,239,240,241,242,243,244,245,246,247,248,249,250,251,252,253,254,255,256,257,258,259,260,261,262,263,264,265,266,267,268,269,270,271,272,273,274,275,276,277,278,279,280,281,282,283,284,285,286,287,288,289,290,291,292,293,294,295,296,297,298,299,300,301,302,303,304,305,306,307,308,309,310,311,312,313,314,315,316,317,318,319,320,321,322,323,324,325,326,327,328,329,330,331,332,333,334,335,336,337,338,339,340,341,342,343,344,345,346,347,348,349,350,351,352,353,354,355,356,357,358,359,360,361,362,363,364,365,366,367,368,369,370,371,372,373,374,375,376,377,378,379,380,381,382,383,384,385,386,387,388,389,390,391,392,393,394,395,396,397,398,399,400,401,402,403,404,405,406,407,408,409,410,411,412,413,414,415,416,417,418,419,420,421,422,423,424,425,426,427,428,429,430,431,432,433,434,435,436,437,438,439,440,441,442,443,444,445,446,447,448,449,450,451,452,453,454,455,456,457,458,459,460,461,462,463,464,465,466,467,468,469,470,471,472,473,474,475,476,477,478,479,480,481,482,483,484,485,486,487,488,489,490,491,492,493,494,495,496,497,498,499,500,501,502,503,504,505,506,507,508,509,510,511,512,513,514,515,516,517,518,519,520,521,522,523,524,525,526,527,528,529,530,531,532,533,534,535,536,537,538,539,540,541,542,543,544,545,546,547,548,549,550,551,552,553,554,555,556,557,558,559,560,561,562,563,564,565,566,567,568,569,570,571,572,573,574,575,576,577,578,579,580,581,582,583,584,585,586,587,588,589,590,591,592,593,594,595,596,597,598,599,600,601,602,603,604,605,606,607,608,609,610,611,612,613,614,615,616,617,618,619,620,621,622,623,624,625,626,627,628,629,630,631,632,633,634,635,636,637,638,639,640,641,642,643,644,645,646,647,648,649,650,651,652,653,654,655,656,657,658,659,660,661,662,663,664,665,666,667,668,669,670,671,672,673,674,675,676,677,678,679,680,681,682,683,684,685,686,687,688,689,690,691,692,693,694,695,696,697,698,699,700,701,702,703,704,705,706,707,708,709,710,711,712,713,714,715,716,717,718,719,720,721,722,723,724,725,726,727,728,729,730,731,732,733,734,735,736,737,738,739,740,741,742,743,744,745,746,747,748,749,750,751,752,753,754,755,756,757,758,759,760,761,762,763,764,765,766,767,768,769,770,771,772,773,774,775,776,777,778,779,780,781,782,783,784,785,786,787,788,789,790,791,792,793,794,795,796,797,798,799,800,801,802,803,804,805,806,807,808,809,810,811,812,813,814,815,816,817,818,819,820,821,822,823,824,825,826,827,828,829,830,831,832,833,834,835,836,837,838,839,840,841,842,843,844,845,846,847,848,849,850,851,852,853,854,855,856,857,858,859,860,861,862,863,864,865,866,867,868,869,870,871,872,873,874,875,876,877,878,879,880,881,882,883,884,885,886,887,888,889,890,891,892,893,894,895,896,897,898,899,900,901,902,903,904,905,906,907,908,909,910,911,912,913,914,915,916,917,918,919,920,921,922,923,924,925,926,927,928,929,930,931,932,933,934,935,936,937,938,939,940,941,942,943,944,945,946,947,948,949,950,951,952,953,954,955,956,957,958,959,960,961,962,963,964,965,966,967,968,969,970,971,972,973,974,975,976,977,978,979,980,981,982,983,984,985,986,987,988,989,990,991,992,993,994,995,996,997,998,999,1000,1001,1002,1003,1004,1005,1006,1007,1008,1009,1010,1011,1012,1013,1014,1015,1016,1017,1018,1019,1020,1021,1022,1023,1024,1025,1026,1027,1028,1029,1030,1031,1032,1033,1034,1035,1036,1037,1038,1039,1040,1041,1042,1043,1044,1045,1046,1047,1048,1049,1050,1051,1052,1053,1054,1055,1056,1057,1058,1059,1060,1061,1062,1063,1064,1065,1066,1067,1068,1069,1070,1071,1072,1073,1074,1075,1076,1077,1078,1079,1080,1081,1082,1083,1084,1085,1086,1087,1088,1089,1090,1091,1092,1093,1094,1095,1096,1097,1098,1099,1100,1101,1102,1103,1104,1105,1106,1107,1108,1109,1110,1111,1112,1113,1114,1115,1116,1117,1118,1119,1120,1121,1122,1123,1124,1125,1126,1127,1128,1129,1130,1131,1132,1133,1134,1135,1136,1137,1138,1139,1140,1141,1142,1143,1144,1145,1146,1147,1148,1149,1150,1151,1152,1153,1154,1155,1156,1157,1158,1159,1160,1161,1162,1163,1164,1165,1166,1167,1168,1169,1170,1171,1172,1173,1174,1175,1176,1177,1178,1179,1180,1181,1182,1183,1184,1185,1186,1187,1188,1189,1190,1191,1192,1193,1194,1195,1196,1197,1198,1199,1200,1201,1202,1203,1204,1205,1206,1207,1208,1209,1210,1211,1212,1213,1214,1215,1216,1217,1218,1219,1220,1221,12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ENGINE CITY.

--NO FINER PLAN
WAS EVER DEvised!
THAT TEENAGED CLONE
WAS HELPLESS!
SHACKLED FAST! HOW
COULD HE EVEN HAVE
ESCAPED AND BROUGHT
BACK HELP--

--MUCH LESS
CHANGED THE
COURSE OF THE
ENGINE BOMB?!
HOW, MONSIEUR!!
HOW?!

I AM AT A LOSS...
LEADER. YOUR PLAN
INDEED APPEARED
FLAWLESS.

AND NOW THERE
IS A NEW SUPER-
MAN IMPOSTOR
WITH WHICH TO
CONTEND-- A
RIDICULOUS MAN
IN BLACK, LIKE
A FIGURE OUT OF
THE CINEMA!

AND HE AND
THAT ARMORED
LOUT HAVE
ROUTED OUR
FORCES! ROUTED
THEM!! IT DEFIES
ALL BELIEF!

ONLY SECONDS
MORE, AND THE BOMB
WOULD HAVE DESTROYED
METROPOLIS, SEEDING
IT WITH THE MATERIALS
FOR A SECOND
ENGINE CITY!

IT DOES, INDEED...
JUST AS IT DEFIES
BELIEF THAT I, WHO
HAVE CONQUERED
ENTIRE STAR-
SYSTEMS, SHOULD
BE ALLIED WITH
ONE WHO IS PROVING
SO INEPT.

THIS PERANGED CYBORG
WAS THE MOST POWERFUL
OF THE SUPERMAN PRE-
TENDERS. I THOUGHT HIM
THE BEST CONDUIT FOR MY
OWN REVENGE OVER THE
LATE KRYPTONIAN.

HOW COULD
I HAVE BEEN
SO WRONG?

IT SHOULD HAVE
WORKED... IT WOULD
HAVE, IF NOT FOR
THAT ACCURSED
CLONE!

THAT WAS UN-
EXPECTED. WE
BOTH UNDER-
ESTIMATED
THE BOY.

I'D PLANNED TO USE HIM
AGAINST YOU, YOU ARRO-
GANT FOOL... BUT HIS
SUCCESS AGAINST THE
BOMB THREATENS MY OWN
PLANS AS WELL.

REPORTS
OF A FIFTH
SUPERMAN
HAVE BEEN
CONFIRMED--



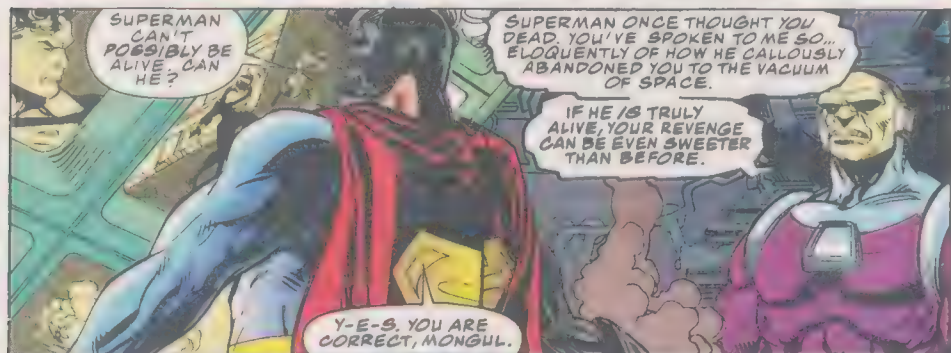
--BY DAILY PLANET REPORTER LOIS LANE. MS. LANE, WHO YEARS AGO POPULARIZED THE NAME SUPERMAN, IS CONVINCED THAT THIS NEWEST ARRIVAL IS THE ORIGINAL HERO OF METROPOLIS--

NO.



--MIRACULOUSLY RECOVERED FROM WHAT APPEARED TO BE DEATH. ACCORDING TO LANE--

NO!! HE'S DEAD!! DEAD AND GONE!!

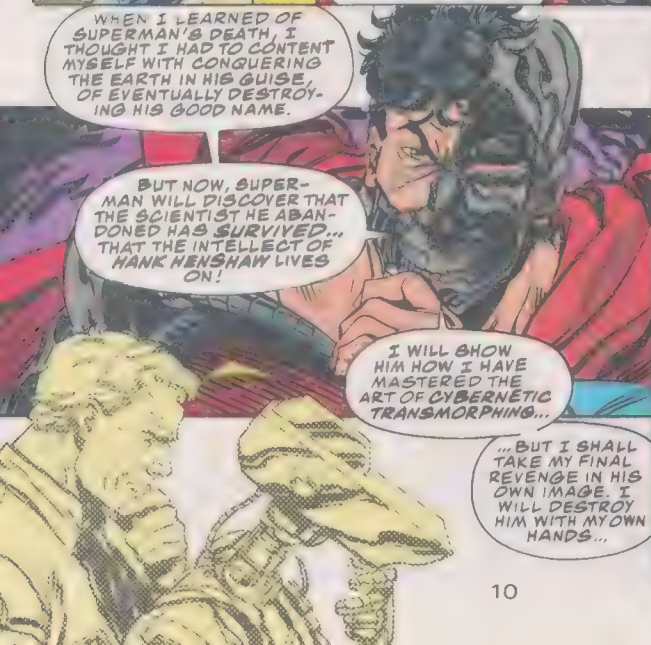


SUPERMAN CAN'T POSSIBLY BE ALIVE CAN HE?

SUPERMAN ONCE THOUGHT YOU DEAD. YOU'VE SPOKEN TO ME SO... ELOQUENTLY OF HOW HE CALLOUSLY ABANDONED YOU TO THE VACUUM OF SPACE.

IF HE IS TRULY ALIVE YOUR REVENGE CAN BE EVEN SWEETER THAN BEFORE.

Y-E-S. YOU ARE CORRECT, MONGUL.



WHEN I LEARNED OF SUPERMAN'S DEATH, I THOUGHT I HAD TO CONTENT MYSELF WITH CONQUERING THE EARTH IN HIS GUISSE, OF EVENTUALLY DESTROYING HIS GOOD NAME.

BUT NOW, SUPERMAN WILL DISCOVER THAT THE SCIENTIST HE ABANDONED HAS SURVIVED... THAT THE INTELLECT OF HANK HENSHAW LIVES ON!

I WILL SHOW HIM HOW I HAVE MASTERED THE ART OF CYBERNETIC TRANSFORMING...

...BUT I SHALL TAKE MY FINAL REVENGE IN HIS OWN IMAGE. I WILL DESTROY HIM WITH MY OWN HANDS...

THE REAL SUPERMAN WAS FOOLISHLY HONORABLE... WHATEVER OCCURRED BETWEEN THEM, CAN NOT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN AS THE CYBORG CLAIMS.

HE'S LOST ALL REASON, LIVING IN A WORLD OF HIS OWN PATHETIC DELUSIONS.

YES, WITH MY OWN HANDS...

...JUST AS I KILLED THAT VISORED IMPOSTOR.."

ANTARCTICA

STATUS
REPORT...

...THE FORTRESS
OF SOLITUDE.

THE ERADICATOR CONTINUES
TO IMPROVE, ALBEIT SLOWLY...

HEAL ME!

...AND HIS
IMPATIENCE
GROWS EXPO-
NENTIALLY

THE CYBORG PRETENDER
ATTACKED ME WHILE I
WORE THE SHIELD OF KRYP-
TON'S LAST SON! HE
THOUGHT ME DESTROYED...

...I MUST AGAIN
BE MADE WHOLE!

I MUST LIVE TO
AVENGE BOTH
MYSELF AND THE
NAME OF SUPERMAN!

AT LEAST HE'S NOT
CONVULSING THE TWO
ANYMORE THAT IS
A MARKED
IMPROVEMENT

I MUST HAVE
MORE POWER--
MORE DATA!--
IF I AM TO
PERSEVERE!
ATTEND ME!

MASTER WE HAVE
ALREADY BROUGHT
YOU ONLINE WITH
ALL FORTRESS
POWER AND REFOR-
MATION SYSTEMS

ABSORPTION
OF EITHER ENERGY
OR DATA AT AN
INCREASED RATE
COULD RESULT IN
IRREPARABLE HARM!
I ADVISE THAT
YOU HEAL SLOWLY
AND COMPLETELY.

THERE IS
NO TIME.

BROADCASTS
INDICATE THAT THE
OTHER SUPER-MEN--
THE YOUNG CLONE--
THE ARMORED ONE, EVEN
KAL-EL HIMSELF--
HAVE ALLIED THEM-
SELVES AGAINST
THE CYBORG.

BUT THEIR
POWER IS
INSUFFICIENT.

METROPOLIS
HAS BEEN
SAVED, BUT
THE CLONE
MAY HAVE
PERISHED.

THE
CYBORG
MUST NOT
TRIUMPH.



...THE ERADICATOR MUST PREVAIL!

I MUST HAVE MORE POWER!

NOW!!

MASTER, NO! ALL SYSTEMS ARE RESPONDING TO YOUR DEMANDS.

IF YOU PERSIST IN THIS ENERGY DRAIN THE FORTRESS ITSELF MAY SUFFER!

THIS FORTRESS WAS MY CREATION!

IT IS MINE TO DO WITH AS I WILL!

ALL RESERVES ARE BEING CHanneLED SKWORK: NTO THE MASTER. WE CANNOT SKWORK: OVERRIDE

DYSFUNCTION. DYS. FUNC. SHUN.

MORE POWER!! MORE!!!

KRAK-KRETA

KRAK-KRAK-KETA

THROUGHOUT THE
MILLENNIA IT
EXISTED AS AN
ARTIFICIAL INTEL-
LIGENCE. THE
ERADICATOR KNEW
ONLY LOGIC AND
DATA.

EVEN WHEN IT FIRST
ASSUMED HUMANOID
FORM, AND SOUGHT
TO REMAKE THE EARTH
IN THE IMAGE OF
KRYPTON, IT LOOKED
UPON THE PLANET AS
LITTLE MORE THAN
RAW MATERIALS.

IT HAD NONE OF THE
PASSION, NONE OF
THE LOVE THAT SUPER-
MAN FELT FOR OUR
WORLD. ALL EMOTIONS
--WHETHER HUMAN
OR KRYPTONIAN--
WERE ALIEN TO IT.

ALL THAT BEGAN
TO CHANGE WHEN
THE ERADICATOR
WAS REBORN IN
THE IMAGE OF
SUPERMAN.

HIS MIND WAS
OPENED TO NEW
THOUGHTS AND
NEWER, EVER
MORE COMPLEX
WAYS OF THINK-
ING... AND OF
FEELING.

YES!

HE LEARNED
THE WAYS OF
PASSION AND
OF RAGE OF
POWER AND
OF GLORY.

THE CYBORG
SHALL FALL BY
THE POWER
OF KRYPTON!

VENGEANCE
SHALL BE
MINE!

AND MAY HEAVEN
HELP US ALL.

ENGINE CITY, SUB-
LEVEL SIX.

CHOOM

WHAT
ARE YOU
SHOOTING--?

HIDDEN SUR-
VEILLANCE DEVICE.
REMEMBER HOW I
SAID THE WALLS HAVE
EYES AND EARS?

THE MORE OF THEM
WE POKE OUT, THE MORE
FREELY WE CAN TALK.

I'M NOT SURE. FOR THE MOMENT, THOUGH,
I THINK WE HAVE A COMMON ENEMY.

TARGET
SIGHTED.
LOOKING
ON...

WELL, I'M GLAD
YOUR X-RAY EYES
ARE STILL SHARP
ENOUGH TO SPOT
'EM. THAT'S A
LITTLE BEYOND
MY EXPERTISE.

SOMETHING
WRONG?

I'M NOT SURE. I
FELT A SUDDEN...
PRESENCE.

OH, LORD... OF
COURSE. IT'S THE
ERADICATOR!

THE
WHAT?!

HE WAS ONE OF THE
MANY "NEW SUPERMEN"...
THE ONE WITH THE VISOR.

WE ONCE SHARED A SORT
OF MENTAL LINK, AND
APPARENTLY IT'S STILL
PARTIALLY FUNCTIONING.

HE'S ON
HIS WAY
HERE.

IS THAT GOOD?

SHRAKT

TARGETING
FAILURE!
REPEAT,
TAA:GOKK!

LOOK
OUT!!

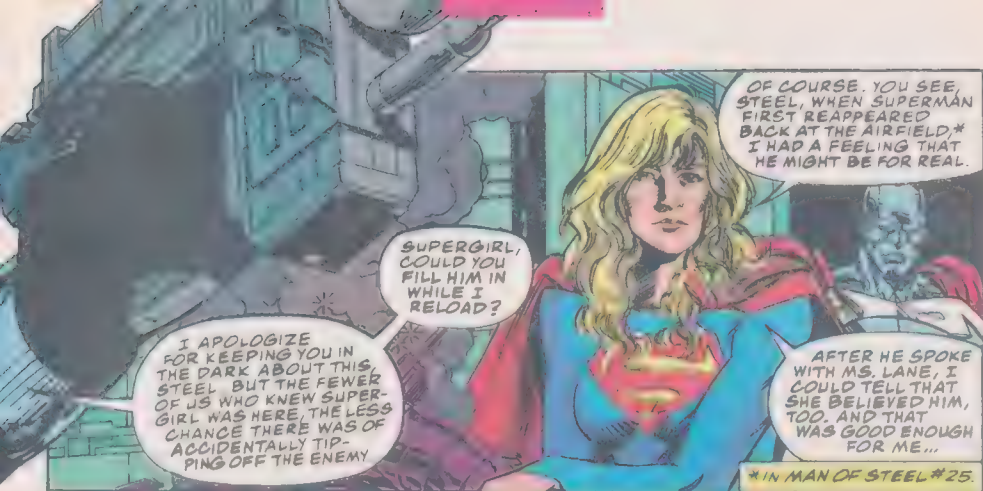


THE
**REIGN OF THE
SUPERMEN**

IS UPON US



SUPERMAN
THE MAN OF STEEL
#26



OF COURSE. YOU SEE, STEEL, WHEN SUPERMAN FIRST REAPPEARED BACK AT THE AIRFIELD, I HAD A FEELING THAT HE MIGHT BE FOR REAL.

SUPERGIRL! COULD YOU FILL HIM IN WHILE I RELOAD?

I APOLOGIZE FOR KEEPING YOU IN THE DARK ABOUT THIS, STEEL, BUT THE FEWER OF US WHO KNEW SUPERGIRL WAS HERE, THE LESS CHANCE THERE WAS OF ACCIDENTALLY TIPPING OFF THE ENEMY.

AFTER HE SPOKE WITH MS. LANE, I COULD TELL THAT SHE BELIEVED HIM, TOO, AND THAT WAS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME...

*IN MAN OF STEEL #25.

"...I MEAN, SHE FIRST MET HIM YEARS AGO! SHE NAMED HIM SUPERMAN, FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE.

"SO I SNUCK UP ON HIM AND OFFERED MY HELP

"IN MY INVISIBLE STATE, I'M VIRTUALLY UNDETECTABLE. SUPERMAN IMMEDIATELY SAW HOW USEFUL THAT WOULD BE.

"--BUT I GAVE HIM ADDED LIFT, MOST OF THE WAY TO SAVE HIS FUEL. JUST AS SUPERBOY GAVE YOU A BOOST, STEEL.

ALONG THE WAY, I BRIEFED SUPERMAN ON WHAT HAD BEEN GOING ON IN HIS ABSENCE.

AND SINCE WE GOT TO ENGINE CITY, I'VE BEEN SECRETLY MAKING SURVEILLANCE SWEEPS AND PROVIDING COVER.

I SUSPECTED THAT HE WAS TEAM-UP WITH THE LUTHOR FOR SET BOOTS--

AGAIN, STEEL, I'M SORRY THAT WE KEPT THIS FROM YOU--!

NO PROBLEM. YOU DIDN'T KNOW ME, AND IT WAS A SOUND TACTIC. NOW, MORE THAN EVER, I'M CONVINCED THAT YOU ARE THE MAN!

WE'LL NAIL THESE WORLD-BASHERS TOGETHER!

I HOPE SO. I WANT MY SECOND LEASE ON LIFE TO LAST A WHILE!

IT WILL!



DAMN
STRAIGHT
IT WILL!

I SWEAR
TO DO
RIGHT BY
YOU, SUPER-
MAN!

THE WORLD WAS A MIGHTY
COLD PLACE WITHOUT
YOU AROUND.

WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER,
THOUGH, I WOULDN'T
MIND HEARING EXACTLY
HOW YOU CAME BACK
FROM THE DEAD!

I'D LIKE
TO KNOW
THAT,
MYSELF.

BUT FOR NOW, OUR
MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO
SHUT DOWN THE CY-
BORG'S POWER SUPPLY.
FROM WHAT I'VE BEEN
ABLE TO SCOPE OUT,
THESE CORRIDORS
SHOULD TAKE US
THERE. DO YOU
AGREE, SUPER-
GIRL?



MAYBE
WE CAN FIND
THE ANSWER
TOGETHER

YES,
THAT'S HOW IT
LOOKED TO ME
ON MY LAST
SCOUTING
FLIGHT



--I
THINK--

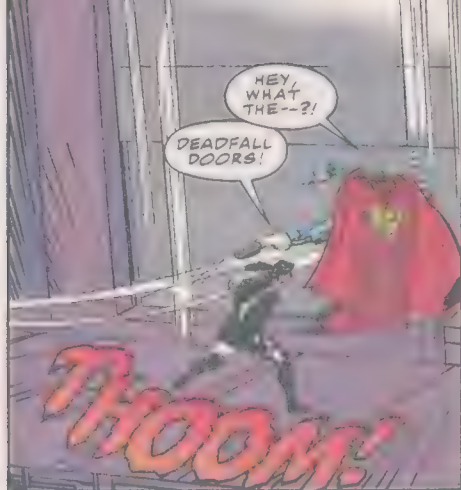
--I CAN
MANAGE.



GOOD. FLY
ON AHEAD,
THEN, AND
MAKE
ANOTHER
SWEEP.

LOOKS LIKE
THERE'S A DROP-
OFF JUST UP AHEAD
--ABOUT 25-30
FEET ACROSS. YOU
WANT A LIFT,
SUPERMAN?

NO THANKS,
STEEL--



HEY,
WHAT
THE--?!

DEADFALL
DOORS!



WE'RE
BOXED IN! HOW
COULD I HAVE
OVERLOOKED
THIS?!

DON'T BLAME
YOURSELF, MAN!
WITH ALL THE
HEAVY METAL
HERE, YOU'D
HAVE BEEN HARD
PRESSED TO
PICK 'EM OUT
EVEN AT FULL
POWER!



UFFF!

WELL, THIS HAS
BECOME A DEAD END.
THIS THING MUST BE
CLOSE TO THIRTY
FEET THICK!

I SHOULD HAVE
REALIZED THINGS
WERE GOING TOO
EASILY FOR US. I HOPE
THE BOYS ARE OKAY
ON THE OTHER SIDE.



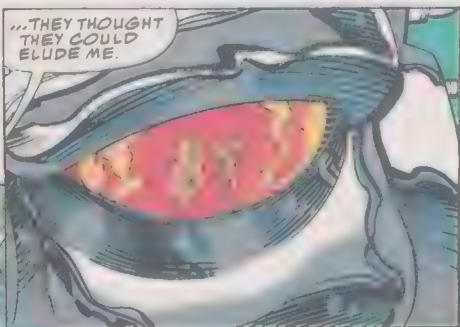
YOU'RE
RIGHT,
THERE'S
NO TIME
FOR RECRIM-
INATIONS.

I SAY WE
BREAK OUT.
THROUGH
THE SIDE WALL
HERE?



LOOKS
LIKE THE
BEST BET
TO ME.
LET'S--

--DO
IT!!



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- Guy has a relative we've never met before. This is his...
 - cousin, Roy Harper.
 - brother
 - sister.
 - None of the above. Guy ain't got no relative. He was raised by wolves.
- When Guy was a kid, he...
 - spent time with his dying grandfather.
 - collected GENERAL GLORY comics.
 - did his homework and ate his veggies.
 - fed Alka-Seltzer™ to pigeons, and watched them blow up.
- The terrible secret of Guy's past is that...
 - he was adopted.
 - someone in his family was a drug addict.
 - his parents were killed by a super-villain.
 - Hal Jordan was his idol.
- In GUY GARDNER: YEAR ONE, Guy teams up with...
 - all four new Supermen.
 - a group of new Green Lanterns.
 - the gardner guy.
 - Rex the Wonder Dog.
- Guy will...
 - be replaced in the JLA by his *really* evil twin!
 - become the leader of JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE.
 - change his costume, adding a cape and domino mask!
 - Have a sex change, thanks to some nasty aliens, and be "Guy no more!"

So are you a Guy's guy? See how well you did by picking up GUY GARDNER: YEAR ONE—"Yesterday's Sins" in issues #11-14 of GUY GARDNER. The answers will shock you!

DC BULLETS

It's getting a little cramped around here with all the new assistant editors being hired! Peter Tomasi joins us from the world of TV and stage production. Darren Vincenzo joins us from the Production department. Mike McAvennie crossed over from the Editorial Administration department. And finally, recently having had a nervous breakdown in a department store, is Keri Kowalski. Keri also has a background in TV production. Don't you love it when things come full circle?

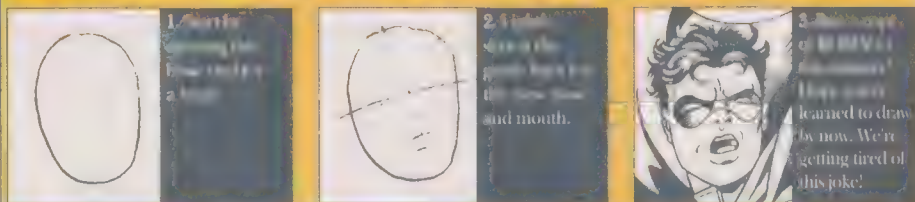
Lets see if you've done your homework. Match the editors with their assistants:

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Carlin	Kowalski
Simpson	McAvennie
O'Neil	Gorfinkel
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Dooley	Tomasi
Raspler	Kaplan
Goodwin	Berganza
Peterson	Diaz

Get excited for Mike Wieringo (FLASH), Richard Case (formerly of DOOM PATROL), John Lowe, and new JLI penciller Chuck Wjotkiewicz on the formation of their studio in North Carolina. Gifts can be sent in care of DC Comics!

Toys and Clunk: The New Adventures of Superman™ has nothing to do with the recent explorations of similar names.

HOW TO DRAW: ROBIN





...BUT THAT IS ONLY ANOTHER DELUSION THAT YOU NURTURE. THE TIME YOU SPENT WANDERING ALONE IN SPACE WAS NOT KIND TO YOU, "LEADER."

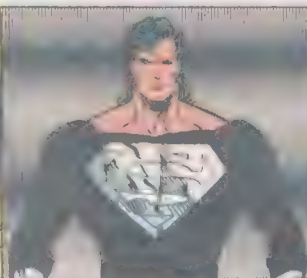
IT IS BEST THAT I TERMINATE THIS MOST UNEQUAL PARTNERSHIP, AND CLEARLY THE TIME TO STRIKE IS NOW--

--WHILE THE MAD ONE IS SO PRE-OCCUPIED WITH TRACKING HIS CHALLENGERS.

ADMITTEDLY, THEY ARE INTRIGUING...



SHOW ME HOLOS CAN 689.



YES, I COULD ALMOST BELIEVE THAT THIS MAN IN BLACK IS TRULY THE ACCURSED KRYPTONIAN RETURNED FROM THE GRAVE.

WEAKENED THOUGH HE MAY BE, THERE IS A LOOK OF DETERMINATION ABOUT HIM. HE REMINDS ME ALL TOO WELL OF THE SUPERMAN WHO DEALT ME MY ONLY DEFEAT.



BUT I SHALL ATTEND TO HIM LATER.

YOU, THERE! PREPARE MY FLAGSHIP FOR DEPARTURE-- AND MAINTAIN THE STRICTEST SECRECY.

AT ONCE, LORD MONGUL!



AND YOU! INITIATE ENGINE-CORE IGNITION PROCEDURES.

BUT, SIR... WITHOUT BALANCING ENGINES, THIS PLANET WILL SPIN OUT OF ORBIT!



IT COULD RIP ITSELF APART!

I KNOW.



(THAT IS MY INTENTION, DOLT! ONE SIDE, I SHALL DO IT MYSELF!)

THESE INFERNAL SUPERMEN HAVE THWARTED MY PLANS TO TRANSFORM MY PLANET INTO MY NEW WAR-WORLD. I HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF THEM--AND ENOUGH OF THEIR WRETCHED LITTLE EARTH!

LET IT BE DESTROYED! I'LL FASHION A NEW WARWORLD ELSEWHERE!



AND I'LL NEVER AGAIN BOW DOWN BEFORE YOU, YOU MAD HALFLING!

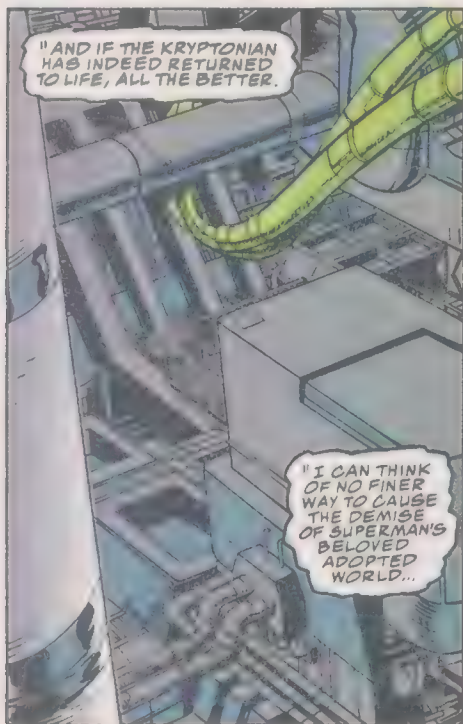


SEEK OUT THE TRUE SUPERMAN, IF THE TRUE ONE HE IS.

WE SHALL HAVE A GAME OF CAT AND MOUSE, BUT I SHALL BE THE CAT!

KLAK

KLAK



"AND IF THE KRYPTONIAN HAS INDEED RETURNED TO LIFE, ALL THE BETTER.

"I CAN THINK OF NO FINER WAY TO CAUSE THE DEMISE OF SUPERMAN'S BELOVED ADOPTED WORLD...



"...THAN WITH AN ENGINE FUELED WITH THE RADIO-ACTIVE ORE CREATED BY THE DESTRUCTION OF HIS HOMEWORLD!

"YES, LET THIS EARTH BE BROUGHT DOWN THROUGH THE POWER OF KRYPTONITE!"

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK!

RE:ACTION

We've got some good news...and we've got some bad news...The good news is that we've received a tremendous response to the first chapter of "The Reign of the Superman"—the latest assault in Superman's never-ending battle. The bad news is that some of that response included actual comic books with requests for autographs from the writers and artists of said "Reign"! The bad part is that the in-house SUPERMAN staff can no longer pass comics along to the SUPERMAN creative team: they live all over continental North America (including Canada) and there simply isn't time to route and reroute all the stuff coming in to them. For all you fans out there who want your books and posters signed, stay tuned here and in your local comic-book stores for details on future conventions. Team SUPERMAN are a gregarious lot and can be found, variously, at conventions all over the world! We truly regret having to institute this policy...but it is honestly a move to protect your comic books and our reputations. Now, back to the good news:

Dear Super People:
Re: ACTION COMICS #687

Of the four Supermen, I'm putting my money on the Last Son of Krypton as the real thing. That is, of course, if any of the four is actually the real thing. I like the concept of Superman being reborn and returning incomplete. Unfortunately the part that seems to be missing is Clark Kent, which explains why the "new" Superman is so cold and distant. If this is the real Superman, I'm sure he'll eventually be restored to his full former self.

It will be interesting to see how everyone will react to this "Clarkless" Superman. We already have a glimpse of how Lois feels, and she seems almost convinced that he is the man who once loved her. One can only imagine the despair she must feel to discover that Superman lives, but Clark does not. After all that she has already been through, I'm sure she won't let this new obstacle stop her. In fact, being the reporter she is, she'll probably get to the bot-

tom of this whole mess and find out exactly what is going on.

As for Superman himself, his new costume could really grow on me. We have also seen some of his power limitations, but are there any new powers that we don't yet know about? Although this is my favorite of the four Supermen, he is still no substitute for the original. Please return him soon!

Thomas V. Accardo
Brooklyn, NY

Dear Editor:

Lost in all of the press-generated hype, the record sales, the endless debates on how and why DC decided to kill Superman, and on how and why he was going to return, was the quality of the work itself. I do not buy comic books for their collectability or for their potential future value. I buy them because I enjoy reading them. If a title doesn't appeal to me, then I don't buy it. It would have been easy for DC to succumb to all of the hoopla surrounding Doomsday and turn the four SUPERMAN titles into a Marvel/ Image violent slugfest but I'm happy to say that the quality of the SUPERMAN books has remained intact. (If anything, it's gotten even better!) DC is to be congratulated for pulling off the sales event of '92-'93 and doing it with class instead of gimmicks.

Of the four new "Supermen," the dark Superman featured in ACTION COMICS #687 appears to be the closest to the real thing—at least we know he's using the original body. Using the Kryptonian technology located in the Fortress of Solitude to capture and restore Clark's essence is a great idea. It's obvious, however, that it only managed to capture his Kryptonian essence. There is one important quality missing from this incarnation: Clark Kent. Superman may be an alien but he was raised on Earth and instilled with human values by Ma and Pa Kent. This Superman is more like the Krypton Man that we saw many issues ago—cold and calculating. Clark agonized for years over the Kryptonians that he executed in the Pocket Universe and vowed never to kill again. This guy kills a mugger and critically burns a carjacker on his first day back. I still think that

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each of the four Supermen is a part of the whole and that Clark will not be complete until they somehow join together. I wonder how many more lives will be taken before this happens (if it happens) and how it will affect Clark when he realizes what he's done.

Roger Stern is the most underrated writer on the SUPERMAN staff. Month after month he turns out high-quality stories without any fanfare. I guess he just makes it look too easy. I also enjoy the art team of Jackson Guice and Denis Rodier. The opening page showing the lightning over the Antarctica skyline is spectacular. (And no one draws a better-looking Supergirl!) I was under the mistaken impression that most of the SUPERMAN staff would be leaving after the "Doomsday/Funeral for a Friend" storylines. Fortunately, that is not the case. Keep up the great work!

David Whitsett
Owensboro, KY

We admire your integrity, David. We, too, at SUPERMAN Central try not to lose sight of what really matters. And with that in mind, keep your eyes and mailbox open for your very own Baldy award. Although the man who created it (and who it's named after) may lack a certain something in the pure of heart and true of purpose categories, the award itself only goes to honest and insightful individuals like yourself. Congratulations!

Dear Superman:

Let me begin by saying that the direction you have recently taken is indeed bold and daring. You have undoubtedly received tons of mail expressing negative feelings about your offing of the big "S." Lucky for you this is not one of those letters, although I do harbor those negative feelings.

The Last Son of Krypton is undoubtedly my favorite Superman, next to Superbo...er...the young Superman; however, I really don't know what all the fuss is about over who the real Superman is. Using my superior intellect I have discovered which one is the real McCoy. He is pure of heart, will always do the right thing, and in

my book, actually deserves to wear the "S" emblem. Who am I talking about? Simple. I'm talking about none other than...Bibbo. Go get 'em, big guy!

Scott Denwood
Hamilton, Ontario

Dear Jennifer:

I was not happy when Superman died, and the entire "Doomsday" storyline disappointed me. Partly this was because I already knew the story's tragic outcome. But I also felt let down by a story that essentially amounted to a seven-issue fight scene. For me the "Funeral for a Friend" issues better exemplified what makes the SUPERMAN comics truly great: great characters. We saw how Superman's death affected each member of his supporting cast in moments of quiet human drama that provided a sharp contrast to the nonstop carnage of the "Doomsday" issues.

Now Superman (or should I say Supermen?) is back, and let me say that I am no longer angry—I'm overjoyed! The Super-Team of creators has not let us down. Bringing all four titles back at the same time was a stroke of genius, as it enabled the reader to feel what it must be like for the citizens of Metropolis when four new superbeings arrive in the city at the same time, each claiming to be Superman reborn. All four titles generated a lot of excitement and a lot of questions.

ACTION #687 was a particularly pleasant surprise for me, as it had become my least favorite Super-title before the hiatus, largely due to the art team's blatant Kirby riffs. In this issue, Jackson Guice and Denis Rodier managed to retain the visual excitement of Kirby's work, while adding more of their own style to the mix, producing art that still evokes Kirby, yet does not seem so much a slavish imitation.

The story here was absolutely excellent from the word go; however, two incidents do stand out in my mind. First, on page 11, when Superman confronts the fact that he is now "limited," I almost cheered. Rather than succumbing to despair, the Last Son of Krypton chooses to triumphantly accentuate the positive: "My senses, my body may have changed...but I am still strong! I still possess powers and abilities far beyond those of mortal men..." And then Roger Stern deflates the moment with a great touch of comedy, as Kal gets carried away and blasts a hole in the wall of his fortress. For me, the second highlight of the issue came on the final page, when Superman tells Lois: "Things

have changed. I have changed. Kent is gone. There is only Superman now." This was an incredibly poignant moment which perfectly conveyed the horrible tragedy of Lois's situation.

Finally, I'd just like to welcome everyone involved back to the monthly grind. It'll be tough to maintain the level of quality you've established in your first issue back, but I'm sure you'll find a way. Long live Superman!

Chad Anderson
New York, NY

Dear Editor:

A great issue!! I am convinced this is the true Superman. I like this character. He is deeply troubled by the fact that he was not in Metropolis to prevent it from going to the dogs. The only way he can change it is by changing his methods; he feels that refusing to kill previously allowed the repeat offenders to rule the city after his demise. He wants to make the city a better place for when he leaves permanently. His conversation with Lois was wonderful. He cannot go back to being Clark for two reasons: one, he feels that Metropolis needs a full-time Superman, and two, he does not want Lois to live with what he has forced himself to become.

I am so looking forward to Supergirl's finding out the truth about Lex; he'll be lucky to come out of that with one good leg. This issue also gave another example of why Bibbo is my favorite SUPER-title character.

Joshua Coats
Montgomery, AL

Dear Super People:

YAYYYYYY!!! He's back! I mean, somebody is back anyway. I must admit you have me baffled beyond words—well, almost beyond words.

It is SO good to have a SUPER-MAN comic to read again, and to have four in one week? Heaven!

BUT! What about this issue of ACTION? #687 to be exact? Fantastic! I feel so sad for Lois. She thinks she may have lost Clark all over again. I feel terrible for her. I hope that she will not give up hope, though. I want so much for her to find HER Clark again and to find the happiness that they both deserve.

The art here was great, and the new printing process giving us color to the edge of the page is great! Thanks so much for the new look to the comic.

I cannot say enough good things about this, so I think I will shut up now.

Until next time...

Carl Pietrantonio
Laredo, TX

Not only have we added "full bleed" capabilities to the SUPER titles, but we've also upped the possibilities of our color combinations, Carl, and you and David Whitsett aren't the only ones to comment on it. Strap in and hang on: we're just getting started!

—Jennifer Frank
Color Me Impressed

NEXT WEEK: is a skip week, due to the random placement of a fifth week in someone's planning of August 1993. Sorry, no Superman this week...not one of 'em!

IN TWO WEEKS: MAN OF STEEL #26 hits the stands, while several Supermen hit Engine City and the Cyborg with everything they've got! MOS is brought to you by Louise Simonson, Jon Bogdanove and Dennis Janke, as usual!

IN THREE WEEKS: SUPERMAN #82 lands on the racks with the Super-sized 32-page climax of "The Reign of the Supermen!" The one true Superman will stand revealed as the fate of the world hangs in the balance. Dan Jurgens and Brett Breeding will do the honors once again in SUPERMAN. (Be on the prowl for the cool chromium-cover edition on sale at a comics shop near you—as well as the regularly priced newsstand edition!)

IN FOUR WEEKS: THE ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #505 soars your way as the DC Universe's first and foremost super-hero returns to Metropolis to start putting his life back together! (You hafta do that sort of thing when you come back to life, we hear!) ADVENTURES is served up by Karl Kesel, Tom Grummett and Doug Hazlewood as if you didn't know, and #505 sports a snazzy collector's edition cover heralding the return of the world's greatest hero with the appropriate fireworks and excitement—as well as being available in the standard-issue newsstand version too! Miss them not!

NEXT ISSUE: ACTION COMICS #692 spotlights the fate of several of the leftover Supermen...Well, what would you do if the guy you were impersonating/thought you were came back? Find out in five weeks! Roger Stern, Jackson Guice and Denis Rodier do the honors, same as this issue!

This month's cover was sketched by Ed Hannigan, pencilled by Kerry Gammill, inked by Jackson Guice and colored by Denis Rodier. It takes a lot of guys to deal with that many shards of glass!

Hannah likes to eat Strawberry/Banana
under a cabana wearing a bandana.



Great guns! Grape gives goofy Gary gargantuan
green goose bumps.



Chuck thinks chunks of Cherry with cheese
would choke cheetahs, especially if they
were sitting on chairs in a chimney.



Mary says Wild Berry Cherry
makes Larry look hairy and scary
but rarely act very contrary.



Susan says Sparkle Strawberry sends shivers shooting
shriftly through her spine.



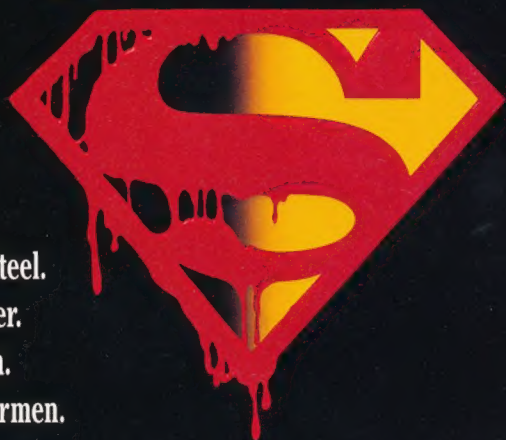
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